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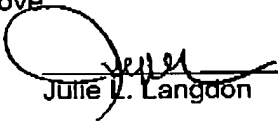
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Julie L. Langdon**REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE REFERENCE SUBMITTED WITH INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2007**

Sir:

On November 21, 2007 an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted after a Notice of Allowance issued in the above-referenced application. Inadvertently, in preparing the IDS submitted on November 21, 2007 we omitted a statement affirming that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted was being filed within three months of each item of information being first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application as provided under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1). We have attached **Appendix 1** wherein it is shown the date that the European Patent Office issued the European Search Report was August 24, 2007. The IDS was submitted on November 21, 2007, and therefore, the newly cited reference was submitted within the three month requirement. Therefore, please accept this request as a supplement to the IDS submitted November 21, 2007 and consider the reference cited because it was

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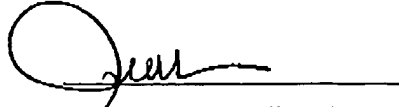
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submitted within three months of being cited in the European Search Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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